

THE SHOOTERS ALLIANCE FOR FIREARMS RIGHTS
MICHIGAN GUN OWNERS

STATEMENT OF POSITION REGARDING

HOUSE BILL 5471

The Shooters Alliance for Firearm Rights and Michigan Gun Owners, representing a combined membership of over one thousand hunters, sport shooters, gun collectors, firearms dealers, and otherwise law-abiding firearms owners throughout the state of Michigan, support House Bill 5471 and encourage the Legislature to pass it as is, and forward it to the Governor for her signature.

HB 5471 is largely a technical corrections bill. Section 12a of the firearms act lists those persons not required to obtain a concealed pistol license in order to carry a concealed pistol in Michigan. Public Act 559 of 2006 added two groups to the list, expanding the list of subsections to the act. Other sections of the concealed pistol law, which identify persons licensed to carry a concealed pistol, and persons exempt under various subsection of section 12a, were not updated to reflect this change.

Substantively, HB 5471 clarifies that any person licensed to carry a concealed pistol or exempt under section 12a, who is carrying a concealed pistol, is subject to the implied consent provisions of the concealed pistol act, and must submit to a chemical test if demanded by a law enforcement officer. Further, HB 5471 clarifies that a non-resident, carrying a concealed pistol pursuant to a CPL issued by his or her state of residence, is subject to the same pistol free zones as a Michigan concealed pistol license holder.

SAFR and MGO request that this Committee vote to approve HB 5471, and forward it to the House for consideration and approval.